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## Write that Letter

Show the repudiated outfit where to get in or get on. Tell them what you think of them and their tactics. Let them know that it is not an easy matter to trample on the rights of voters and free American citizens. Let them know if you think clear and decided majorities entitle Smith and Miera to "legislative positions," and your opinion of the evident organized attempt to "purloin" the same. Express your sentiments and help the honest legislators-elect in the coming fight against the domineering bosses and a desperate state machine. Perform your duty as a citizen. Write a letter for publication to the Clayton News, Clayton, N. M. Our next issue will be a warm number furnish a little of the "pep." Hurry!

## "Don't Blame Me"

We have no quarrel to raise with anyone, but we do desire to see simple justice accomplished. If an honest, sincere expression were possible from every man in Union county, we do not believe one would say that a dishonest or fraudulent election was held in this county last November. It was simply a case of the most popular men getting the most votes; and at least in one instance the man who ran a bad second was so chagrined and his dignity so rudely jarred by the honest expression of the peoples' opinion, that he immediately set about to devise ways and means to set aside the verdict rendered. We could write columns on this subject; we might even outpoint La-point of the Las Cruces Citizen, we might use staple arguments equal to those of Staplin of the State Record, we might outguy Guyer of local fame, but the facts would remain the same—the short horses got beat and were too darned short to accept gracefully and honestly the verdict of the people. Every one knows in whom they now put their trust. It is good to believe in the honor and integrity of each individual legislator elect; but we cannot accept as true Staplin's estimate of the honor and integrity of the little coterie of republican state bosses who have been howling their heads off for a two-thirds majority in the legislature, in order that they may override the governor.

In this county the contestants deny the credit—or blame—for the actions taken looking to the defeat of the will of the people. "Don't blame me, don't blame me—I was forced," is the refrain. Who did the forcing. Catron, Springer, Van Houten, Speis, Bursum, Hubbell Holt & Co? Anyhow, the whole thing resolves itself into a proposition of "The people be d—d." How do you like it?

## Hurrah! A Republican Right

After the last state election the republican leaders claimed to be well satisfied with the verdict of the people, and stated that no attempt would be made to defeat the voters wishes. Since that time these same republicans have filed contests against four of the members elected to the legislature. Remember they only need four more votes to have enough to pass

laws they wish over the veto of the governor, then remember just that many contests have been filed, and then notice that all these contests are against men that would support the governor, and you cannot help but draw the conclusion that it looks at least suspicious. All right, gentlemen, it was just such tactics that made New Mexico swing into the democratic columns three years ago and the same tactics now will surely produce the same results. This state is republican by a good majority, but let it be remembered that there are enough independent, honest voters to rebuke any party that will resort to the methods that made New Mexico politics infamous a few years ago.—Gallup Republican.

## Brevity

Brevity may or may not be the "soul of wit," but there is no question in regard to brevity being the soul of conversation nowadays. The aim of the up-to-the-second conversationalist is to cut all corners and get there in the shortest possible time.

In days of yore a man was polite under all circumstances, no matter how much time it consumed. Then he would say "My dear sir, I desire that you understand thoroughly that I comprehend fully and in all detail the information you are endeavoring to impart to me."

Now he says "Gotcha!"

## Too Many Laws to Enforce

This nation as a whole, and almost every state in it—this one not excepted—suffers from too much law making. Senator Root told the American Bar Association that in five years, from 1909 to 1913 inclusive, congress and the state legislatures passed 62,014 laws. No one knows how many thousands of laws were in force before 1909, but the 62,014 new ones repealed many of those previously in force, and amended many more, with no end of resulting confusion. Relatively few of the laws are vicious enough to work direct harm, but hundreds of them are harmful indirectly, for they are unnecessary, inconsistent and impossible to enforce.

## Think This Over

When a newspaper gives you a lot of free advertising in order to boom some concert or entertainment in which you are interested, keep track of the lines that are printed week by week and multiply that number by the regular advertising rates of the paper. Compare the results with the actual money value of any favor that you get from any other business concern. Then take into consideration the fact that advertising and circulation are the only two things that a newspaper has to sell. Now, in these days of higher prices, how much do you think it ought to give away?

## Two Minute Title Talks Success

The young man with an estate in reality having an assured title stands at the door of success with the key in hand. Such a man becomes known to the community and especially to the men who are willing and able to help him when they know that the security is good.

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The News did a big business the first day of the year. We took in one dollar, loaned fifteen cents and sold a Royal typewriter. Editor, capitalist and salesman. Can you beat it?

Some people, and newspapers, are like an old cows tail—always monkeying along behind.

Yes, and we have the evidence in our pocket.

## Betrayed

My eyes have seen the surge and boil  
Of wars overwhelming flood;  
My foot has pressed the sodden soil  
And felt the ooze of blood.  
Beneath a canopy of sky  
Whereon strange lightnings played  
My ears have heard the echoing cry  
Of humankind betrayed.

Where once was thrill of pleasing word,  
Of flattering, kindly tongue,  
Where once the song of peace was heard  
In all its changes rung  
Now all is mockery of woe—  
Chaos of man's deceit  
From sea to sea the armies go;  
In death the nations meet.

Where now shall man's fair word prevail?  
Where shall his promise weight?  
At brother love the lessons fail—  
None knows such love today!  
Prayer, penance, faith, the love of God,  
Each in its turn is vain  
While anywhere upon earth's sod  
Is spread war's blood; stain  
—Lurana Sheldon in New York Times.

## HOW SULTAN APPEALED TO SUBJECTS FOR WAR.

Becomes Duty of 300,000,000 Moslems to Take Up Arms.

The issuance by the sultan of the fetwa, or proclamation announcing a holy war, called upon all Mussulmans capable of carrying arms—and even upon Mussulman women—to fight against the powers with whom the sultan was at war. In this manner, according to Constantinople newspapers, the holy war became a duty not only for all Ottoman subjects, but for the 300,000,000 Moslems of the earth. The fetwa was as follows:

"First Question.—If lands of Islam are subjected to attack by enemies, if danger threatens Islam, must in that case young and old, infantry and mounted men, in all parts of the earth inhabited by Mohammedans, take part in the holy war, with their fortune and their blood, in case the pasha declares the war to all Mohammedans? Answer.—Yes.

"Second Question.—Since Russia, England, France and other states supporting these three powers against the Islamic caliphate have opened hostilities against the Ottoman empire by means of their warships and their land troops is it necessary that all Mohammedans also who live in the countries named shall rise against their government and take part in the holy war? Answer.—Yes.

"Third Question.—Will, under all circumstances, since the attainment of the goal depends upon the participation of all Mohammedans in the holy war, those who refuse to join in the general uprising be punished for conduct so abhorrent? Answer.—Yes.

"Fourth Question.—Mohammedans who live in lands of the enemy may, under threats against their own lives and the lives of their families, be forced to fight against the soldiers of the states of Islam. Can such conduct be punished as forbidden under the shariat and those guilty thereof be regarded as murderers and punished with the fires of hell? Answer.—Yes.

"Fifth Question.—Inasmuch as it will be detrimental to the Mohammedan caliphate if the Mohammedans who live in Russia, France, England, Serbia and Montenegro fight against Germany and Austria-Hungary, which are the saviors of the great Mohammedan empire, will therefore those who do so be punished with heavy penalties? Answer.—Yes."

## SPEE FAMILY WIPED OUT.

With End of German Fleet Off Falkland Islands Last of Name Went.

With the annihilation by the English fleet of the German Asiatic squadron, under command of Admiral Maximilian von Spee, near the Falkland Islands, on Dec. 8, the last three male members of the Spee family went to their deaths.

Admiral Spee went to the bottom with his flagship, the Scharnhorst. He was fifty-three years old. His oldest son, Ludwig, died last year in Quito, Ecuador, where he had been stationed as German consul.

Two remaining sons, both lieutenants in the German navy, went down with two of the ships in the ill fated squadron. They were Otto Ferdinand, first lieutenant on the Nueberg, and Heinrich Franz, midshipman on the Gneisenau.

Two years ago Von Spee's only daughter married Dr. Karl Koenig in Wuerzburg. Admiral von Spee's wife died several years ago. He leaves no brothers, but several distant relatives are officers in the German army.

## WANT CLOCKS OF NATION ADVANCED

Chicago Business Men to Campaign For "More Daylight."

IDEA IS TO GAIN AN HOUR.

United States Chamber of Commerce Will Be Called Upon to Consider Question in February—Our Working Day Must Be Longer to Better Agree With Foreign Time, Says Banker.

The Chicago Association of Commerce will undertake something that

President Taft failed to accomplish two years ago. The twenty-four Chicago business men on the executive committee of the association voted unanimously in favor of pushing the nation's clock hands ahead one hour.

A resolution also was passed without dissent calling upon the United States chamber of commerce, with its 400 association members scattered over the country, to consider the question at its annual meeting in February in Washington, with the recommendation of the Chicago body that a nation wide movement be undertaken to gain more daylight at the end of the day.

**Avoid Friction of Railroads.**  
By extending the "get up early" campaign to the entire country the association, it is thought, will avoid any open friction with the railroads, which were set against any local movement because of the confusion that would result in the timetables from having two or three different time schedules.

"The scheme to bring more daylight into the end of the day is well worth any expense or effort to effect its accomplishment," reads the report.

"The advantages to be derived by advancing our standard time one hour are far-reaching, benefiting not only the enjoyment and health of the people, but conserving the natural resources of the country. The disadvantages, which are really inconveniences, are so trifling as to be hardly worthy of consideration.

"There is certainly a live interest in the question in Chicago. Union labor officials have shown personal interest in the proposal believing it would make for the health, happiness and welfare of the workman."

"This is one of the biggest and most important questions," said E. U. Kimbark, chairman of the time committee and ex-president of the Chicago association, "if we can only get serious thought on it.

"In six months of the summer the people of Chicago will get 300 extra hours of daylight after working hours, compared with the present system, and of course they will gain many more hours in the other months."

**Banker Favors Plan.**  
John J. Arnold, vice president of the First National bank, asserted that the working people of the city were coming out for the plan on all sides, according to reports gathered by his friends.

"Chicago is five hours and fifty minutes behind London time," he said. "When we get to work in Chicago and get our business started the Londoners are closing up their shops. Now, if Chicago and the rest of the United States are to become world centers for international business we must arrange our working hours so that we can get into touch with the traders of the world and get an answer the same date."

**More German Submarines.**  
Germany is building forty 900-ton submarines, according to a report from The Hague. They will bring her known fleet of "unterseeboote" up to ninety-five. The new vessels are of the latest design, embodying some novel departures from the former type of German submarines.

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